

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE

Proposed Changes

Residential Recycling



- Proposed new programs and policies will increase residential recycling opportunities.

- The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:*
- the types of recyclables collected at the curb be expanded to include plastic bottles, mixed paper and cardboard;
 - innovative programs be developed to reduce toxicity of the waste stream by recycling NiCad batteries and used electronics; and
 - suitable recycling alternatives be developed for residents of multiunit buildings.

Waste Collection



- County staff and private collection companies will work toward quality service for all residents.

- The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that Fairfax County staff will:*
- partner with private collection companies and other stakeholders to resolve customer service issues identified in the Plan;
 - revise and enforce Chapter 109 regulations in the Fairfax County Code;
 - coordinate with private waste collection companies about disaster and emergency response;
 - evaluate the use of lower emission fuels for use in collection vehicles; and
 - develop public information and education messages about waste disposal and recycling that are applicable countywide.

Disposal



- The county plans to use the Energy/Resource Recovery Facility as the primary disposal mechanism.

- The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:*
- out-of-county landfills will provide backup support; and
 - the I-46 Transfer Station will continue to operate serving the north and central portion of the county.

Funding



- The funding impacts of these proposed changes are anticipated to be minimal.

- Retiring the bonds for the Energy/Resource Recovery Facility will reduce waste disposal costs; however, the cost of out-of-county landfills and composting facilities is expected to rise.
- Consolidation will make the collection system more efficient, to provide better service to residents at a consistent price throughout the County.

Board Approval

- The Solid Waste Management Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2004.

Business Recycling



- The county plans to ask businesses to recycle more!

- The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:*
- large businesses continue required recycling with expanded recyclable material requirements; and
 - fewer businesses be exempted from recycling requirements.

Construction/Demolition/ Debris



- The county proposes increasing recycling of construction/demolition/debris (CDD).

- The Solid Waste Management Plan proposes that:*
- the public receive more information about CDD capacity issues to encourage recycling;
 - the county works with other jurisdictions to foster a regional approach to disposal;
 - debris continues to be disposed in suitable in-county and out-of-county landfills; and
 - the county supports private recycling opportunities, and the county-operated disposal sites have the ability to recycle CDD.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact us for more details or if you have any questions about the SWMP.

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Please visit our website to complete the Opinion Survey!
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes>



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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2003–2023

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires jurisdictions in the Commonwealth to submit new Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMPs) by July 1, 2004.

This brochure provides:

- Requirements for the SWMP
- Timeline for development of the SWMP
- Opportunities for participation & input
- Resources for more information

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ABOUT THE SWMP

The Solid Waste Management Plan addresses all trash & recycling for the next 20 years.

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

Solid waste includes almost everything we throw away or recycle, including yard waste, brush, household trash, recyclables, commercial trash, industrial waste, and construction debris.

An integrated management system controls everything that happens to solid waste: collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal. The SWMP will identify and plan for all aspects of a high-quality integrated solid waste management system for Fairfax County.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The SWMP will project waste management needs for our expanding population, regulatory requirements, & technological developments for the next 20 years. This will help us use the SWMP process to identify strategies to preserve our environmental quality of life.

TIMELINE

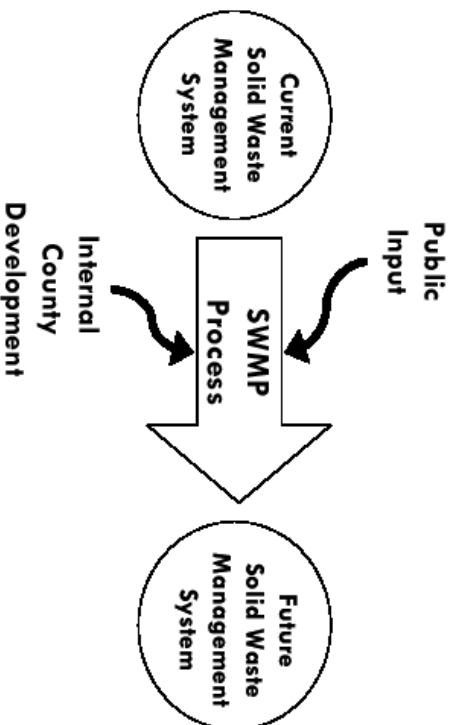
Fairfax County will submit its Solid Waste Management Plan to DEQ by June 2004.

Public meetings	April—November
Circulation of draft for public comment	January—March 2004
Public Hearing	March or May 2004
Submission of SWMP to Virginia DEQ	June 2004

THE SWMP PROCESS

The Solid Waste Management Plan outlines an environmentally safe and publicly-approved system for the movement of trash, recyclables, and all other wastes from their sources to final management sites.

The diagram below shows how citizens, professionals, and County staff will work together in developing the plan. At the end of the process, Fairfax County will have a plan that ensures the waste management system will meet our needs for the next twenty years.



The Solid Waste Management Plan needs public input from residents, businesses...everyone! Use the contact information on the back of this leaflet to find out more! Call us with questions or comments! Fill out the Opinion Survey on the Fairfax County website! Attend a community meeting!

Participate!